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Remarks

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the present application and new claims 30-37 have been added by this Amendment. In the Office Action of October 19, 2005, claims 1, 15, and 16 were rejected as being anticipated by Studtmann (U.S. Patent No. 4,511,835). Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 2-14 and 17-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of all claims from which they depend.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1, 15, and 16, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 to clarify the invention by incorporating the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 17, respectively. Accordingly, claims 2 and 17 have been canceled and claims 3, 18, and 25 have been amended to correct their respective dependencies. In this regard, pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowability, Applicant believes that claims 1, 3-16, and 18-25 are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, new claims 30-37 have been added, which are fully supported by the Specification and do not include new matter. Applicant believes that claims 30-37 are patentably distinct from the art of record.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts the application is in condition for allowance and timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is authorized to deduct the amount necessary for the newly presented claims as well as any additional fees from Deposit Account No. 17-0055. As always, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

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